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KUALA LUMPUR, JULY 25 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR
MOHAMAD SAID TODAY THE BARISAN NASIONAL (BN) IS THE ONLY COALITION
WHICH IS SINCERE IN EFFORTS TO PROMOTE UNITY AMONG THE VARIOUS
COMMUNITIES IN THE COUNTRY.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID SEVERAL OPPOSITION PARTIES HAD TRIED TO
FORM A PACT LIKE THE ONE THAT THE BN HAS BUT IT WAS CLEAR THAT THEY
WERE NOT SINCERE AS WAS EVIDENT IN THEIR SCRAMBLE FOR THE SAME SEATS
IN THE GENERAL ELECTION.

HE SAID THE ALLIANCE AND NOW THE BARISAN NASIONAL GOVERNMENT HAD
HAD A COALITION SINCE 1951 BUT THE OPPOSITION PARTIES ONLY
COOPERATED WHENEVER AN ELECTION WAS HELD.

SPEAKING AT THE UNVEILING OF THE BN MANIFESTO HERE, THE PRIME
MINISTER SAID THE BN WAS ALSO THE ONLY COALITION REPRESENTING ALL
RACES IN MALAYSIA, INCLUDING SABAH AND SARAWAK.

HE SAID THE OPPOSITION PACT WAS CONFINED TO ONLY TWO OR THREE
COMMUNITIES AND THERE WERE OPPOSITION PARTIES LIKE PAS AND THE DAP
WHICH DARED NOT COOPERATE OPENLY. -- BERNAMA
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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT BECAUSE THE OPPOSITION PARTIES MADE A PACT SOLELY TO WIN THE ELECTION, THEY CONTINUED TO RAISE ISSUES WHICH DIVIDED THE PEOPLE AFTER EACH ELECTION.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE ALLIANCE AND NOW THE BN GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN WORKING TO PROMOTE UNITY AND TO BRING DEVELOPMENT TO THE COUNTRY FOR THE PAST 30 YEARS, HE ADDED.

HE REGRETTED THE ACTIVITIES OF AN OPPOSITION PARTY WHICH HE SAID HURLED WILD ACCUSATIONS TO THE EXTENT OF CAUSING DISUNITY AMONG THE MUSLIMS.

EXPLAINING FURTHER THE SLOGAN, +THE PEOPLE'S CHAMPION+, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE COALITION HAD A RECORD AND PROOF OF CHAMPIONING THE CAUSE OF THE PEOPLE BEFORE AND AFTER INDEPENDENCE.

THE OPPOSITION PARTIES WHICH DID NOT HAVE SUCH RECORD COULD CLAIM TO CHAMPION THE PEOPLE'S CAUSE BUT THERE WAS NO GUARANTEE THAT THEY WOULD DO SO, HE ADDED. -- MORE

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THAT WAS WHY THE BN HAD PICKED THE SLOGAN TO REMIND THE PEOPLE THAT ONLY THE BN GOVERNMENT COULD CHAMPION THEIR LOT AS WAS EVIDENT IN THE HISTORY OF THE COALITION'S STRUGGLE, HE SAID.

THE PRIME MINISTER BELIEVED THAT WITH THIS THE PEOPLE WOULD CONTINUE TO GIVE THE BN THE MANDATE TO RULE WITH A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY WHICH WAS VITAL TO ENSURE THE STRENGTH OF THE GOVERNMENT TOUCHING ON DEMOCRACY, WHICH IS ONE OF THE 13 POINTS RAISED IN THE MANIFESTO, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THIS ELECTION BY ITSELF PROVED THAT THE BN WANTED TO MAINTAIN DEMOCRACY.

-I AM SAD THAT THERE ARE PARTIES THAT TRY TO STOP THIS GENERAL ELECTION THROUGH LEGAL MEANS. EVEN IF THERE IS LEGAL BASIS IN ANY ACTION, THE PEOPLE MUST BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE,+ HE ADDED.

HE SAID THE PARTIES THAT TRIED TO STOP THE ELECTION WERE ACTUALLY THE UNDEMOCRATIC ONES AND THE BN WAS THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY BECAUSE IT WAS PREPARED TO HOLD THE ELECTION. -- MORE

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ON THE OVERALL CONTENT OF THE MANIFESTO, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE MESSAGE EMPHASISED WAS EXPERIENCE AND PROOF OF SUCCESS OF THE BN IN RULING THE COUNTRY BEFORE AND AFTER INDEPENDENCE.

HE SAID THE BN HAD GIVEN SERVICE IN ALL FIELDS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE INTERESTS OF ALL RACES IN BOTH THE RURAL AND URBAN AREAS

NO ONE COULD DENY THAT THE COUNTRY HAD MADE STRIDES IN THE FIELDS OF DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION, HEALTH AND ECONOMY WHICH IT HAD DIVERSIFIED FROM BEING SOLELY AGRO-BASED, HE SAID.

HE SAID THE PEOPLE SHOULD BE THANKFUL THAT MALAYSIA WAS THE ENVY OF PEOPLE OF MANY OTHER COUNTRIES WHO WERE NOT AS FORTUNATE AS THEY

ON HOUSING, HE SAID VARIOUS FACILITIES HAD BEEN PROVIDED, INCLUDING INFRASTRUCTURE AND FINANCE, TO MAKE A SUCCESS OF THE SPECIAL PROGRAMME TO BUILD 80,000 LOW-COST UNITS A YEAR AT PRICES WHICH COULD POSSIBLY BE LOWERED TO ABOUT \$20,000 A UNIT. -- PERMAN.

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